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SUMMARY: E.O. 11652: GDS, 12/31/79

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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS

SUMMARY: FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE TOLD PERMREPS' LUNCH OCTOBER 30 THAT FRENCH HAD PREPARED A PAPER TO ADD TO BASIC FRENCH DRAFT OF AN ALLIANCE DECLARATION WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD MEET VARIOUS ALLIED WISHES TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS NO GREAT URGENCY ABOUT DISCUSSING FRENCH DRAFT FURTHER UNTIL AFTER MID-NOVEMBER EC-US MEETING, AND PROPOSED DELETION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS ITEM FROM OCTOBER 31 NAC AGENDA FOR RESCHEDULING IN TWO WEEKS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT PERMREPS' LUNCH OCTOBER 30, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE RECALLED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN NAC WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WHICH VARIOUS ALLIES HOPED TO INCLUDE IN THE FRENCH DRAFT TO MAKE IT COMPLETE AND ACCEPTABLE TO GOVERNMENTS. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD SPENT THE LAST WEEKEND WORKING IN PARIS WITH SENIOR FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE NOW HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A PAPER WHICH HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED TOOK ALL OF OUR CONCERNS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.

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2. DE ROSE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE NINE IN MID-NOVEMBER AND SAID THAT IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE THERE WAS NO GREAT URGENCY ATTACHING TO DISCUSSION OF THE FRENCH DRAFT IN THE

COUNCIL UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. IT SEEMED UNLIKELY TO PARIS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD VISIT EUROPE UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT ROUND OF U.S. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EC-9 HAD BEEN CONCLUDED IN A SATISFACTORY WAY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT "AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS" HIS AUTHORITIES IN PARIS THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LET THE DUST SETTLE AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC POLEMICS TO RECEDE FROM MEMORY.

3. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION THAT DE ROSE HAD USED HIS CHARM AND DIPLOMATIC ABILITY ON HIS AUTHORITIES IN PARIS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL THE ELEMENTS MENTIONED BY THE OTHER ALLIES, INCLUDING CANADA, WERE NOW PROPERLY EXPRESSED IN THE FRENCH DRAFT AND ELEGANTLY PHRASED AS WELL. HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT AS TO THE WISDOM OF A 10 TO 15 DAY DELAY. GREEK PERMREP CHORAFAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT, ADDING THAT ATHENS WAS IN NO GREAT HURRY. U.K. PERMREP PECK AND BELGIAN REP BAL EXPRESSED GUATITUDE.

4. SINCE ATLANTIC RELATIONS WAS ON OCTOBER 31 COUNCIL AGENDA, DE ROSE PROPOSED DELETION AND RESCHEDULING FOR A MEETING A FORTNIGHT HENCE.

5. DE ROSE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING HIS NEW TEXT PRIVATELY AT AN EARLY DATE WITH THE SYG AND WITH THE DEAN OF THE COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE, BEFORE UNVEILING IT FORMALLY TO THE OTHER ALLIES. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, DE ROSE AGREED TO MAKE HIS NEW TEXT AVAILABLE TO THE OTHER ALLIES 48 HOURS BEFORE THE NAC DISCUSSION OF IT. IN THIS REGARD HE STRESSED THAT THE NEW FRENCH TEXT HAD BEEN APPROVED AT VERY SENIOR LEVELS IN PARIS AND THAT HE HAD LITTLE OR NO LATITUDE IN ACCEPTING CHANGES TO IT. MCAULIFFE

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